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AUSTRALIAN BIATHLON – AUSTRALIAN WINTER RACE SCHEDULE

The Vancouver Olympics and a large number of new participants in the sport of winter Biathlon have kept Paul Connor, the ABA Executive Officer, extremely busy.

In the sport which combines the arduous demands of cross-country skiing with precision target shooting, the numbers of participants, especially, juniors, has jumped.

“It’s been a very successful and busy Northern Hemisphere season. This has meant that we’ve only just been able to start confirming the Australian Winter Season schedule” says Paul.

The program for the next few months includes:

- Summer biathlon at Wangaratta Sat 1 May, Sat 5 June.
- Come and try events at Hotham. Queens Birthday Opening weekend 12/13th June
- Victorian Championships at Mt Hotham Sat 24/Sun 25 July
- Australian Championships Sat 7/ Sun 8 August
- ADF Interservice race week, 9-13 August
- Cadet Championships Mt Hotham Sat 14 August
- NSW Championships Sat 4/Sun 5 Sept TBA Snow permitting
- Check website for other events that may take place when snow is permitting.

Most Australian biathletes also take part in the Hoppet events (citizen cross-country skiing races) on the last Saturday each August. Biathletes usually place top ten in their year group. Over the years, several biathletes have been podium winners in their respective age group or better.

While waiting for winter to arrive, biathletes maintain their fitness by rollerskiing and other cross-training activities including cycling. Target shooting practice occurs regularly at various ranges, including the indoor one at Hawthorn, VIC.

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